

# SO/LIC ESSAY CONTEST 2011

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The President of JSOU and the Board of Directors of the NDIA SO/LIC Division are pleased to announce the sixth annual SO/LIC essay contest. The contest is being conducted in conjunction with and in support of the 22nd Annual /LIC Symposium & Exhibition, to be held February 8-9, 2011 at the Marriott Wardman Park, Washington, DC.

The theme of this year's symposium is, "Defense, Diplomacy, and Development: Translating Policy into Operational Capability." Entrants are encouraged to address the theme, but any topic relevant to the broad range of SO/LIC activities is acceptable.

The selection board will award a **\$1,000 prize for the best essay and \$500 for the runner-up**. Winning essays will be published in the NDIA symposium proceedings and may be selected for publication as a JSOU Press monograph. Multiple authors on one essay will be considered as one entry for a potential award (i.e., prize money will be divided). Entries must be submitted and e-dated or postmarked no later than **Friday, January 7, 2011**.

## INFORMATION FOR CONTESTANTS

**Eligibility:** This contest is open to students enrolled or graduated from a DoD-sponsored PME program during FY10 or FY11. Eligible institutions include intermediate staff schools and senior service colleges, as well as Senior NCO Academies. A contestant is also eligible if they are enrolled in or graduated within the past year from resident PME programs, nonresident PME programs, or the SO/LIC graduate program at the Naval Postgraduate School.

**Essay Requirements:** Essays may not exceed 3,500 words, including quoted matter and citations. Endnotes should be used sparingly, if at all and if deemed necessary; do not use footnotes.

**Criteria for Award:** Essays will be judged according to the following criteria:

1. Originality, relevance, and coherence of the argument—10 points max.
2. Clear, logical organization—3 points max.
3. Compelling and competent prose—2 points max.

The selection board retains the right to award no prize. **Winners will be announced on or about Tuesday, January 25, 2011.**

**Submission:** Send essay via e-mail to JSOU-S Resident Senior Fellow, Mr. Bill Wildrick, at [william.wildrick.ctr@socom.mil](mailto:william.wildrick.ctr@socom.mil). Electronic transmission is preferred, but contestants may also mail to JSOU, Attn: Mr. Bill Wildrick, 7701 Tampa Point Blvd., MacDill AFB, FL 33621-5323.

Please include contact information: home and work e-mails, phone number, and postal mailing address.

**For electronic submissions:** Microsoft Word file

Consider using the template—named **Essay Booklet 6x9.doc**—when writing, then rename it. If you think a graphic (e.g., drawing or photo) is necessary, attach it as a separate file and indicate in the text where you would like the image placed. The preferred image file is an original (high quality) .jpg, tif, .bmp, eps, or .png. For images that are not your own, include the source and the written permission to use. Personnel submitting essays consent to their work being edited and published by JSOU and NDIA.